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SUBJECT: MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS WORKING GROUP

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1. INDIAN DELEGATION TODAY PROVIDED 10 COPIES OF PROPOSED DRAFT AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING WHICH WE WILL FAST POUCH TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

2. THE TEXT AND DETAILS ARE TOO LONG FOR TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMITTAL SO THIS MESSAGE WILL HIT THE HIGH POINTS IN ORDER GIVE YOU SOME ADVANCE IDEA OF THE AREA OF EMPHASIS.

3. THE PROPOSAL KEYS ON POSSIBILITIES OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON FERTILIZERS REPEAT FERTILIZERS AND CONTAINS 4 MAJOR SECTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

(I) EXCHANGE OF DATA AND INFORMATION;
(II) COLLABORATION IN AREAS OF TRAINING, CONSULTANCY, TECHNOLOGY, AND RESEARCH;

(A) BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL FERTILIZER DEVELOPMENT CENTER/ TVA AND COUNTERPART INDIAN INSTITUTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE INDIANS EXPRESSED FERVENT HOPE THAT MANAGING DIRECTORS OR
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APPROPRIATE EQUIVALENT LEVEL PERSONNEL FROM IFDC AND TVA

WOULD PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS;

(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT;

(C) PROVISION OF U.S. EXPERTS IN OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FERTILIZER PLANTS;

(D) JOINT VENTURES IN R AND D AND CONSULTANCY BY BOTH COUNTRIES IN THIRD COUNTRIES;

(E) IMPROVED USAGE OF FERTILIZER;

(F) MECHANICAL COMPOSTING AND USAGE OF ORGANIC MANURES;

(G) REGIONAL SEMINAR ON FERTILIZER USAGE.

(III) FERTILIZER IMPORTS

(A) REVIEW OF FERTILIZER IMPORTS FROM U.S. BY INDIA, RECOGNIZING INDIA WILL BE DEPENDENT ON IMPORTS FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FUTURE

(B) PRICING POLICY OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES WHICH LENDS ITSELF TO PRICE STABILITY VIS-A-VIS PRICE FLUCTUATIONS.

(IV) JOINT VENTURES IN THIRD COUNTRIES IN WHICH INDIAN ENGINEERING ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT SERVE AS SUB-CONTRACTORS OR CONSULTANTS FOR U.S. FIRMS IN THE INSTALLATION OF FERTILIZER PLANTS.

4. THE DELEGATION ANTICIPATES ARRIVAL WASHINGTON,D.C. AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 30. THUS, GROUP COULD NOT MEET BEFORE OCTOBER ONE. CONSIDERING EXTENT TEAM PROPOSES EXPLORE DISCUSSIONS ON FERTILIZER AS MAJOR AGRICULTURAL INPUT OF CONCERN TO INDIA, MORE THAN ONE DAY SESSION MAY BE REQUIRED.

5. TEAM MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

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ANNA R. GEORGE, JOINT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;
V. KRISHNASWAMY, JOINT SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE;
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